

REMARKS

This last office action has been carefully considered.

Claims 1-7 have been previously canceled. Claims 14, 15 and 16 are canceled herein without prejudice to the subject matter recited therein or disclaimer thereto. The drawings objections in the last office action are believed to be mooted by the cancellation of these claims. Claim 11 has been amended to overcome the objection thereto.

In the last office action claims 8-13, 15 and 16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by US 2005/0186014 to Hohlbein et al. Claims 8, 13 and 14 were rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by US 2003/0043110 to Lindsey. Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections for the following reasons.

Amended independent claim 8 now recites, in pertinent part:

A writing instrument comprising a barrel with bladders that are built into one end of the barrel that is adjacent a writing tip of the writing instrument in order to facilitate better gripping by a user at said one end of said barrel of said writing instrument

The patent publication to Hohlbein relates to a toothbrush with a hollow handle that has an outer sleeve made of an elastomeric material. It does not disclose or suggest a writing instrument having a writing tip. Hohlbein also doesn't disclose or suggest a writing instrument with a writing tip and an end of a

barrel adjacent the writing tip into which bladders are built for better gripping at that end of the barrel for writing.

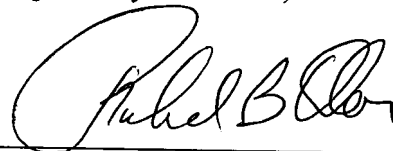
Similarly US Patent to Lindsey relates to a an adjustable air grip on a sport's implement and does not disclose the aforementioned claimed features of amended independent claim 8 .

It is therefore respectfully submitted that Hohlbein and Lindsey alone or in combination do not disclose or suggest the aforementioned features of claim 8 or by way of their dependency on claim 8, claims 9-13.

In view of the above amendments and arguments it is respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn and that claims 8-13 be passed to issue.

The Examiner is urged to contact applicant's attorney at the number below to expedite the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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